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Report by the NIS Committee  
to the  
United States Intelligence Board

NIS Program  
Fiscal Year 1969

1. NIS production in FY 1969 reflected the pattern of priorities established in the long-range NIS Coverage Plan, approved by USIB in FY 1968. Through constructive support of all participating agencies, 30 General Surveys were produced, bringing to 119 the number of countries on which one-volume, survey-type NIS are now available. Additionally, production of detailed topical coverage totaled 180 volumes, of which 84% were revisions. Two pilot units entitled Social Characteristics were produced during the year. This new NIS element consolidates coverage heretofore provided in three separate volumes [Population (Section 41), Characteristics of the People (Section 42), and Religion, Education, and Public Information (Section 43)]. With its June 1969 issue, the semiannually produced NIS Basic Intelligence Factbook continued selective statistical coverage on 180 countries and dependencies.

2. Progress toward full implementation of a computerized photo-composing system (EPIC - Electronic Printing for Intelligence Composition) continued during FY 1969. Approximately 33% of all NIS manuscripts were printed by this method, compared with 15% in FY 1968. Personnel were trained to process contributor tapes, and a new computer format program was prepared. Use of automated techniques by DIA in providing information on weather and climate statistics continued, and a program of furnishing coast and landing beach data on magnetic tape from a computerized data base was initiated.

3. Efforts were made to reduce overclassification of NIS elements. Users responded favorably to the method of assigning security classifications individually to major subsections and graphics within each volume. In order to broaden the use of Weather and Climate coverage published as CONFIDENTIAL, the NIS Committee declassified all figures (graphics and tables) in this element; they are now FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

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4. In connection with continuing efforts to increase Program efficiency and effectiveness, steps were taken to streamline NIS processing procedures, and to improve the quality of graphic presentation and photographic coverage. The importance of flexible adaptation of the NIS Outline Guide to the particular situation in individual countries was stressed to all producers.
5. The Department of State continued its practice of reviewing roughly 50% of total NIS production. A reduction of about 30% in number of reviews by overseas missions reflects, primarily, restrictions and limitations resulting from BALPA.
6. At the request of the Executive Director-Comptroller, CIA, and the Deputy Director for Intelligence, CIA, an NIS User Survey was undertaken as a means of assessing the validity and effectiveness of the current NIS concept. The Survey, accomplished with the cooperation of the NIS Committee, consisted of a worldwide dissemination of a user questionnaire, personal interviews in the field, an ADP applicability evaluation by ORD/CIA [REDACTED] and a cost analysis of NIS printing. In general, the returns of more than 1,000 user questionnaires and the findings of the field interviews reaffirmed the use of NIS products and indicated that the Program is providing authoritative, reliable, comprehensive basic intelligence and analysis on foreign areas. Findings also pointed to the fact that unavailability and lack of currency of certain NIS products, along with lack of knowledge about the NIS, hamper wider and more effective consumer use. Analysis of the survey results is continuing and specific recommendations as to the future direction of the Program are under review and will be considered by the NIS Committee. 25X1A5a1
7. Bureau of the Budget directed manpower cuts in DIA, specifically identified with the NIS Program, have significantly affected NIS production planning. The immediate result is a reduction of 11 units programed for production in FY 1970 and a stretchout in NIS revision cycles.
8. The NIS Committee authorized removal from active inventory of over 600 published NIS units no longer considered valid.
9. Statistical data on NIS production, publication, dissemination, gazetteers, and cost estimates are presented in the Annex.

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A N N E X

Production by Contributing Agencies

1. Production in FY 1969 reached 105% of the scheduled commitment. Deliveries by major contributing agencies were as follows:

		<u>Production Units</u>	
		<u>Scheduled</u>	<u>Delivered</u>
DIA		172	176
Navy		8	8
	DoD responsibility	180	184
CIA		157	155
Agriculture	)	7	6
Commerce	) Under CIA	27	30
Interior	) contracts	11	24
Labor	)	1	3
	CIA responsibility	203	218
	TOTAL	383	402

2. Of the 402 production units delivered by contributors in FY 1969, making up 210 volumes, approximately 85% were revisions.

3. Of the 30 General Surveys produced, representing 55% of the year's unit production, 5 are on new areas, thereby increasing the coverage of the one-volume, survey-type NIS to 119 areas.

Publication

4. A total of 242 volumes was published during FY 1969; this compares with 207 the year before. In addition, 47 supplements on meteorological organization and facilities and 2 issues of the NIS Basic Intelligence Factbook were published. The current inventory of available NIS volumes totals 2,668.

### NIS Dissemination

5. Programed dissemination of NIS was approximately 71,200 copies, an increase of 10% over FY 1968. In addition, an estimated 20,000 copies were disseminated as a result of supplemental requests to meet specific user requirements, 6,000 more than last year. Over 2,700 copies of 18 published NIS were reprinted to meet the continuing consumer demand.

### Gazetteers

6. The Gazetteer Program provides geographic name coverage of all foreign land areas of the world and, for the past 11 years, name research has been directed to revision of the gazetteers and name files. During FY 1969, two revisions were published and research was completed on four others which will be published in early FY 1970. This will bring to over 4.2 million the geographic names processed since the beginning of the Program.

### Cost Estimates

7. DoD estimates the FY 1969 cost of its contributions to the Program at approximately \$3,300,000, a reduction of \$700,000 from last year. CIA estimates its production cost at about [REDACTED] with an additional cost of approximately [REDACTED] for processing and printing of contributions and for other services associated with the administration of the NIS Program. The cost of producing NIS Gazetteers, as a service of Government-wide common concern by DoD, is not included in the above.

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ANNEX

